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REQUEST FOR EXTENSION OF TIME UNDER 37 CFR § 1.136

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

It is hereby requested that the shortened statutory period for responding to the Examiner's Action dated June 22, 2005, be extended three months from September 22, 2005 to December 22, 2005. Please charge our Deposit Account No. 50-1177 in the amount of \$1,020.00 for the three-month extension fee. Order No. 05-0468. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any deficiency in the required fee or to credit any overpayment to Deposit Account 50-1177.

Responsive action has been taken by filing a Notice of Appeal and Reply to Office Action simultaneously herewith.

Respectfully submitted,

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